

## AMATEUR PERFORMERS MAKE GOOD SHOWING

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GIVE  
FINE PERFORMANCE AT AS-  
TORIA THEATRE.

"The Trials of Mr. Flipper," presented at the Astoria Theatre, Friday evening by the ex-High School students, was one of the most delightful performances of the kind ever given in this city.

Mr. Rives Emerson, as Mr. Flipper, certainly made a good lead. Time and time again bringing applause by his clever acting. Joseph Leahy, taking the dual part of Mike, the Irish servant, and later as Professor Barton, the deaf physical culturist, was all that could be desired. In the lat-



Scene from "The Rocky Mountain Express," Astoria Theatre Tonight

ter role he convulsed the house repeatedly by his answers to misunderstood questions. Yvon Guillaume, as Quick, the detective, and later as Wilmington, son of Mr. Flipper, played his part to perfection. The part of Mrs. Flipper, taken by Miss Fanny Gregory, was well executed, as was the parts taken by Miss Amy Rannels and Miss Mattie Gregory. Mr. Henry Skibbe as Snorter, the cabman, and as Black, the lawyer's clerk, was well received, as was William Wooten, as John the footman. Miss Winifred Higgins as Sadie, won the hearts of the audience at her first appearance. Alst, but not least, was Mr. Timothy Whitman as Peter Jones, the new groom. His comical appearance and ludicrous make-up kept the house in a continual uproar.

The make-ups were excellent and the credit is due to Herbert S. Carter, the well known photographer, who as director, deserves a great deal of



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credit for his efforts.

Between the first and second acts the audience was treated to an extremely well rendered vocal solo by Miss Laura McCann. This was Miss McCann's first appearance in public since her return from Chicago where she has been studying voice culture.

Another feature of the entertainment, was the music furnished by the Astoria High School orchestra. Too much praise cannot be accorded these young ladies and gentlemen, all students, of the High School, for the excellency of their share of the evening's pleasures.

Altogether the play was a success from start to finish and yielded a nice profit which will be used in defraying the season's expenses of the promising High School football team.

### WHEN SILENCE WAS GOLDEN.

speechmaking by Presidential Candidates No Longer Dangerous.

The modern practice of speechmaking by presidential candidates is in marked contrast to the early practice. In former times it was considered undignified for a candidate for president to make any open effort in his own behalf, and candidates generally observed strict silence. The theory was that if a candidate opened his mouth to say anything or even wrote the most commonplace letter it would be used against him.

General Scott, Whig candidate for president in 1852, owed his defeat in part to two innocent but unfortunate expressions used by him long before his nomination. In 1846, when he expected to be ordered to Mexico, he spoke the support of the administration for his military plans by saying in a published letter that "soldiers had a far greater dread of a fire upon the rear than of the most formidable enemy in the front." For this expression President Polk declined to order him to Mexico at that time, and when Scott was nominated for president six years later he never heard the last of "the fire upon the rear."

The other expression occurred in a note to the secretary of war. One day the secretary called at General Scott's office and found that he was absent. On returning and learning that the secretary had called the general wrote a note in explanation of his absence, saying that he "had only stepped out for a moment to take a hasty plate of soup." When he was nominated for president the "hasty plate of soup" figured in all sorts of caricatures and brought upon him ridicule that he did not deserve.

Abraham Lincoln, a frequent speaker prior to his nomination, did not utter a word publicly during the campaign. He made no addresses, wrote no public letters and held no conferences. His letter of acceptance contained only 134 words. The practice of speechmaking by candidates after their nomination began with James A. Garfield.—Indianapolis News.

### A WOMAN'S INFLUENCE.

Effect It Produced on Her Husband's Business Affairs.

A delegation of young men lately waited on their employer's wife with the oddest request on record. "You see, madam," said the spokesman, "we want to have a half holiday every Saturday. Now, if you will be particularly nice to Mr. Page for a few days we'll go to him and ask."

"Gentlemen," the lady haughtily interrupted, "do you imply that I do not understand what is due to my husband?"

"Oh, I know all about it, madam," the spokesman went on. "I'm married myself. Things go wrong in the house, and you're tired and cross at breakfast. Then we suffer at the office. You stay up late to chaperon your daughter at a ball, and we have more trouble at the office. You're a bit cross three mornings in succession for one reason or another, and we have a—terrible time at the office."

"You see how the matter stands and how greatly you will oblige us by being more than usually agreeable to Mr. Page for three or four days. The fourth day give him the best breakfast you can—everything that he likes best—and we'll get what we want in three minutes."

"Talk about a woman having no influence in the business! Why, the humor she's in has more effect than a bank failure or a boom in trade."

She thought she ought to be angry, but instead she laughed and agreed to the proposition, and four days later when they waited on the head of the firm he made the closing hour 12 o'clock and said never in the history of the firm had things run as satisfactorily as they had during the last four days.—London Tit-Bits.

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## JUDD BROS.

THE WOOLEN MILL STORE

### SOCIETY

At the home of Miss Powell, on October 10, the members of The Reading Club held the first meeting of the year and were entertained by Misses Powell, Hulse and Badollet to a most delicious course dinner. Those present were Mrs. C. Gearhart, Mrs. W. E. Warren, Mrs. J. A. Fulton and Misses Powell, Hulse, Badollet and Warren. Since the organization of this club in 1895, its members have been actively engaged in literary work. One of the pleasant and profitable features of the club is the open meetings at which some prominent man at home or from abroad addresses the club and invited guests, on some subject in line with its work. During the coming year the club will study "Four Victorian Poets," a study of Clough, Arnold, Rossetti and Morris, with an introduction on the Course of Poetry from 1822-1852. The text meet is the latest by Stafford A. Brooke, who is one of the leading authorities on English literature of the present.

### NIGHT RIDERS.

WALKER, La., Oct. 17.—Every ginner of cotton in Livingston parish yesterday received a warning from alleged night riders not to gin any more cotton until the price reached 15 cents. The notices were sent by mail and came apparently from this town.

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### The African Elephant.

Shunning man and, as a rule, fleeing at his approach, the African elephant when attacked often shows fight and is a dangerous prey. Kongo specimens have very large ears that even stretch back beyond the neck and cover part of the flank. In color the Kongo elephants are of a grayish blue, almost slate-like tint. No one has even reported seeing specimens of the sacred white elephant of India there. In size Kongo elephants have been killed more than fourteen feet high at the withers and reckoned at more than eight tons in weight. Tusks obtained are sometimes more than 200 pounds in weight and six feet and a half in length.

### A Large Salary.

Mr. X., a prominent lawyer of Philadelphia, was much addicted to the habit of lecturing his office staff, and the office boy came in for an unusual share of admonition whenever occasion demanded and sometimes when it did not. That his words were appreciated was made quite evident to Mr. X. one day when a conversation overheard on the elevator between Tommy and another office boy on the same floor was repeated to him.

"Whatcher wages?" asked the other boy.

"I get \$10,000 a year," said Tommy.

"Aw, gwan!" ejaculated the other boy derisively. "Quitther kiddin'."

"Honest, I do," said Tommy; "I get a week in cash and the rest in legal advice."—Harper's Weekly.

### Blenheim.

A very "famous victory" was that of Blenheim, which is our corruption of Blindheim, the village on the upper Danube where John Churchill won his dukedom, his magnificent palace in Oxfordshire and his yearly pension of £5,000. This is still enjoyed by his heir, the present Duke of Marlborough, who annually places a French fleur-de-lis flaglet over the bust of his ancestor in the guardroom of Windsor castle, the condition of his tenure of the estate of Blenheim.—London Answers.

### The Comparative Method.

Theodore had twice been sent to wash his hands and was now returning for the second inspection.

"My child," said his mother, comparing the two hands critically, "your right is just as dirty as your left. What have you been doing all this time?"

"Why, mamma," explained the youth, "last time you said that my left hand was cleaner than my right, so I tried to make them even. I'll go again."—Youth's Companion.

### Her Regret.

The Nobleman.—You bought me—bought me as you would buy a hat. The Heiress.—Yes, and what I'm sore about now is that I neglected to wait for my change.—Cleveland Leader.

### Chagrin.

Louie—Uncle, what's chagrin? Uncle—Well, it's what a stout man feels when he runs and jumps on a car that doesn't start for half an hour.—Chicago News.

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### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

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